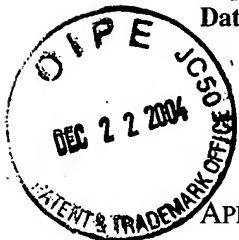


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the August 24, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before December 24, 2004. Since the Response is being submitted on December 22, 2004, Applicants believe that no further fees are required.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 502648 for the amount necessary to honor this petition, together with any additional charges that become due during the prosecution of this application. Reference No. Cura 569. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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